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OUR MOST IMPORTANT VARIETY, QUEEN CITY

GOLDEN RULE DAHLIA FARM

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Harley T. Peck & Sons « 1939 » LEBANON, OHIO

1938 WAS A GREAT DAHLIA SEASON

WE CUT our first Queen City in quantity on July 2nd; soon after Mary Baker furnished fine yellows, and we continued to cut fine Dahlias every day until October 24th. This was the longest and most successful cut flower season in our history. Several florists this last season used and liked Dahlias for the first time, especially Cometeer and Buckeye Star.

A statement by the manager of Dayton's largest wholesale florist house confirmed all we had been saying about Queen City. He said: "Queen City is a better Dahlia than Jersey's Beauty." This opinion was entirely unsolicited.

We attended Dahlia shows at the following points: Middletown, Ohio; Indianapolis; Detroit; New York (and the hurricane); Louisville, Ky.; Madison, Ind.; and the Cincinnati show. At all these points the Dahlia blooms were of very high quality.

RAIN FALL

To the grower of flowers or any other crop, rainfall is a topic of the first importance. No two seasons are alike. In 1937 we reported on the rains causing the great Ohio River flood.

In 1938 our greatest excessive rains came in March, May and July.

January	1.52 inches	July	8.80 inches
February	3.39 inches	August	2.70 inches
March	5.90 inches	September	3.70 inches
April	1.61 inches	October .....	.97 inches
May	6.19 inches	November	3.59 inches
June	3.29 inches		

BEGONIA ROSE

A seedling of Honor Bright, winning a certificate of merit at East Lansing. An entirely new color in Dahlias, its name describes its color in Ridgeway's. Formal Decorative, every bloom perfect on very long, strong stems. We cut one hundred 3 to 4 feet stems, superb flowers, from twelve bushes in one week (October). A sensation at Madison and Cincinnati. It will not be introduced in 1939, but will be grown exclusively by us as a special quality cut flower.

HOW TO ORDER — TERMS

Order Early to prevent disappointments in case the variety selected is sold out.

Print your name and address PLAINLY.

Substitutions are not made unless authorized. If order is late, please indicate a second choice or if necessary permit us to substitute with equal or greater value.

Sales Tax. If residing within Ohio, orders for plants are subject to the Ohio sales tax, with which all are now familiar. Please include the tax with your remittance. Orders for ROOTS and SEEDS are exempt from sales tax.

Cash With Order, Please. Make money orders and checks payable to Harley T. Peck.

15c must be added to all orders of less than \$2.00 to cover shipping and packing charges. OUTSIDE THE U. S. remittance on all orders must include postage or express charges.

Deliveries. All stock will be shipped within the U. S. by prepaid parcel post or express during May unless otherwise directed.

To Guarantee Safe Arrival of Green Plants, 25 cents must be added to all plant orders to cover "special delivery," if there is such service at your P. O. Otherwise 15c for "special handling." We pay the regular parcel post charges on all orders of \$1.50 or more.

EXTRA FREE STOCK WITH ORDER

To orders of \$5.00 or more 10% may be added in extra free stock, roots only

To orders of \$15.00 or more 15% may be added in extra free stock, roots only.

To orders of \$25.00 or more 20% may be added in extra stock, roots only.

The above percentages must be taken in the form of extra root stock and do not apply on the Collections.

GUARANTY

We guarantee all stock offered in this catalogue to be satisfactory within reason. If not, money will be refunded.

POT ROOTS or POT CLUMPS*

are available in all varieties marked "*". Prices are the same as for single roots.

BARGAIN COLLECTIONS in Field Grown ROOTS

- A. Six cactus dahlias, our selection, six different colors, all standard varieties, each labeled—for.....**\$2.00** postpaid
- B. Ten small flowered dahlias, our selection, ten different colors, all standard varieties, each labeled—for.....**\$2.00** postpaid
- C. One strong root each of Cometeer, Buckeye Glory, Buckeye Star and Queen City—for.....**\$4.50** postpaid
- D. Collection of Huge Dahlias, all 10 inch flowers or bigger, in four colors: red, yellow, lavender or orchid and autumn shade; 4 tubers, 4 varieties, each labeled, standard varieties of our selection—for... **\$4.00** postpaid
- E. Saracen and Cometeer, our 1938 introductions, one strong root of each—for**\$4.50** postpaid
- F. Collection of fine exhibition varieties: Buckeye Glory and Buckeye Star, one strong root of each, together with any six (6) of the following: California Idol, Cherokee, Clara Carder, Saracen, Miss Glory, Royal Purchase, Oakleigh Monarch, Yellow Marvel. Eight varieties, all strong roots, for.....**\$10.00** postpaid
- G. Grab-bag. 10 large flowered varieties, each different, not labeled, for **\$1.80** postpaid in U. S. This is our famous grab-bag, much sought after for years. When called for at our farm grab-bags will be but **\$1.50** each.

NEW DAHLIAS for 1939 from America and Europe

- LOIS WALCHER**, (Walcher). F.D. Bloom 7x4. Color dark purple with evenly spaced white tips. A fine bicolor with excellent keeping qualities. Plants **\$3.50**
- EVERYBODY'S FAVOURITE**, (Salem). I.D. Bloom 10x5. Light listerine purple. Flowers have good substance, and it is said this dahlia will be hard to beat in the pink informal class. Plants **\$6.50**
- SAN FRANCISCO**, (Ballay). I.D. Bloom 11x6. A gorgeous shrimp pink. An extra large flower on long stems with a very vigorous open habit of growth. Plants **\$5.00**
- EL RUBIO**, (Redfern). I.D. Bloom 12x6. Selected by a reliable fancier as the outstanding California dahlia exhibited this year. Color velvety garnet red. Plants **\$5.00**
- MAYOR FRANK OTIS**. We take pleasure in recommending this huge dahlia as one having extraordinary substance. It will keep a long time after cutting. The writer had the privilege of reviving the two blooms sent to the Cincinnati show, as described in Mr. Salbach's folder, and was amazed at their perfect recuperative powers. Plants **\$12.50**
- MISS SANTA MONICA**, (Stephenson). Cactus. 8x5. A white free blooming cactus that looks like a good commercial variety. The flowers have complete resistance to dew burn. Plants **\$3.50**
- MARIETTA E.**, (Maytrott). Cactus. Bloom 6x3. A profuse bloomer with perfect stems. The canary yellow flowers do not burn or fade. Plants **\$2.50**
- BETTY MALONE**, (Maytrott). Pom. White with each petal tipped purple. A vigorous grower and profuse bloomer. Plants **\$1.50**
- BRIGHT LITES**, F.D. (or nearly so). 4 to 6 in. A cut flower, yellow and a very bright clear yellow on fine long stems and a rugged grower. Plants **\$1.00**

DAHLIA SEED

The same strain of seed that has produced Buckeye King, Honor Bright, Cometeer, Queen City, Saracen, Buckeye Glory and Star.

Seed of any three of the following varieties, labeled.....15 seeds for **\$1.00**
Buckeye Star, Buckeye King, Margrace, Satan, May Robson, Mrs. Geo. Le Boutillic.,
Mixed large flowered.....20 seeds for **\$1.00**

Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio

DIANNE, (Maytrott). Bloom 4x2. A miniature cactus of the semi-cactus type. Rose and tan blooms on a vigorous dwarf bush. Plants **\$1.50**

JULIA S., (Maytrott). Miniature cactus with deep rose pink flowers on a tall growing bush. Plants **\$1.00**

GLAMOUR, (Salem). I.D. Bloom 12x6. True purple, deeply edged amaranth pink. Tremendous breadth and great depth is acclaimed for this dahlia. Plants **\$6.50**

CHAMBERLIN, (De Ruyter). S.C. Bloom 10x5. Color salmon pink shading to violet. Originator claims this dahlia cannot be beaten in its class. Plants **\$1.00**

RICHARD CROOKS, (Holland). Cactus. 10x6. Color deep cherry red. Recommended for exhibition. Gigantic chrysanthemum like flowers. Plants **\$1.00**

LITTLE DIAMOND, (Holland) S.C. 4x2. Color purple rose with yellow center. Free and early bloomer. Plants **\$1.50**

NIDA SNEFF, (De Ruyter). S.C. 5x3. Carmine rose with yellow center. One of the finest new varieties of miniatures obtainable. A commercial cut flower. Plants **\$0.75**

VERMILLION BRILLIANT, (Holland). F.D. 5x3. Vermillion red. This dahlia has an unbeatable record in Holland as a cut flower. Extremely early to bloom with remarkable keeping qualities. Plants **\$1.25**

VOLKAERT'S CHAMPION, (Belgium). S.C. 10x6. The most beautiful Belgian introduction in this color. Yellow with salmon pink at end of petals. An exhibition dahlia. Plants **\$1.50**

ANDRIES SUPERBA, (Belgium). Cactus. 8x5. Blood red color. A prize winner at every show. Plants **\$1.00**

SCARLET LEADER, (Holland). S.C. 10x5. Winner of Challenge Cup 1938. Poppy red color. Strong grower with strong stems. Very useful. Plants **\$1.50**

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Other New Dahlias Recently Acquired for Trial

DIRECTOR CARL G. DAHL, I.D. Very large, loose open formation. Apricot buff shaded old rose. Plants **\$3.00**

WATCHUNG GIANT, I.D. Very large, strong growing variety. Deep amber suffused orange. Plants **\$1.00**

KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN, I.D. A bicolor of general effect of rose and yellow although there is really a third color, white, present. A strong, vigorous grower and a show winner. Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

SLEEPY HOLLOW, Inc. Cactus. 8x5 in. Shell pink with white centre. Plants **\$1.00**

BERNICE GEER, Cactus. 7x5 in. Dark silver and rose. Plants **\$1.00**

Older Varieties Recently Acquired

ANGELO ROSSI, F.D. Old gold shading to salmon, early and vigorous. Plants **\$0.50**

GENEVA BEAUTY, I.D. A red commercial dahlia. Plants **\$0.50**

MISS ELSIE JANE, S.C. Shrimp pink with cream shadings at centre and tpd. violet rose. Early continuous flowering and prolific. Plants **\$0.50**

CHARLOTTE CALDWELL, Ball. Large orange ball, fine for exhibition and a very rugged grower. Plants **\$0.50**

SUPT. AMHRYN, An old variety still winning in shows. A tyrian pink with perfect formation. Plants **\$0.50**

FAIRY, M.F.D. Violet rose shaded yellow. Early and prolific bloomer. Good keeper when cut. Plants **\$0.50**

MRS. V. BRITTAIN, pompon. Deep pink and fine for exhibition. Plants **\$0.50**

Fifteenth Annual Table of Ratings, Index and Price List

Each Dahlia is rated for four (4) most important qualities and the average rating or Figure of Merit.

We recommend those varieties having a Figure of Merit of 85 or more, but these varieties, in other soils and climates, may not perform in accordance with these ratings.

*Pot Clumps.

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Adirondack Sunset, I.D., red gold.....	F\$	1.00.....	\$.50	Mid.	8 in.	Med.....	86	90	80.....	88	86
Adolph Mayer, I.D., black red*.....	G	3.00.....	1.00	"	8	Med.....	82	92	86.....	90	88
A. F. Gremela, I.D., orange and gold*		.....	.75.....		Early	8	Med.....	80	90	80.....	90	84
Adorable, I.D., pink and gold.....	G	.....	.50.....		Mid.	8	Med.....	80	86	80.....	85	83
Altmark, S.C., lavender.....	G	.....	.50.....		Early	7	Dwarf	85	85	75.....	85	82
Ambassador, cactus, lt. tan.....	P	.....	.75.....		Mid.	8	Med.....	85	90	70.....	80	81
Amelia Earhart, S.C., gold apricot	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	10	Med.....	80	80	80.....	75	79
American Purity, S.C., white.....	F	.....		1.00	Late	8	Med.....	88	90	70.....	80	82
America's Sweetheart, I.D., yellow.....	G	.....	1.50.....	.50	"	9	Med.....	90	88	50.....	70	75
Amy Martin Gardin, I.D., rose.....	F	.....	.50.....		Mid.	8	Med.....	86	90	86.....	88	88
Andrea Erickson, I.D., white.....	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Early	9	Med.....	70	92	92.....	88	85
Anna Benedict, I.D., dark red.....	G	.....	.75.....	.50	Mid.	8	Med.....	88	86	82.....	92	87
Arcturus, I.D., red and gold.....	G	.....	.50.....		"	8	Tall	88	90	80.....	86	86
Autumn Sunset, F.D., to I.D.....	F	.....	2.00.....	.75	Late	8	Med.....	82	86	75.....	85	82
Azura, I.D., deep lavender.....	G	.....	1.50	.75	"	10	Tall	86	85	60.....	90	80
Ballego's Glory, F.D., red and gold.....	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Mid.	6	Dwarf	85	86	88.....	85	86
Ballego's Surprise, S.C., white*.....	F	.....	2.00.....	1.00	"	8	Med.....	86	90	85.....	80	85
Bearne, cactus, pink*.....	F	.....	1.50.....	.50	Early	5	Dwarf	86	92	90.....	85	88
Beauty of the Garden, cactus, rose*....	G	.....	2.00.....	.75	Late	5	Med.....	88	90	70.....	85	83
Berger's Jewell, cactus, white and lav.	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Mid.	5	Med.....	90	88	88.....	80	86
Bette Davis, S.C., lilac mauve.....	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	8	Med.....	86	90	85	88	87
Blue River, I.D., deep lavender.....	F	.....	1.50.....	.50	"	9	Dwarf	80	85	80.....	90	84
Break O' Day, S.C., salmon and yellow	F	.....	2.00.....	.75	Late	8	Med.....	80	90	80.....	85	83
Buckeye Bride, F.D., salmon pink	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Early	6	Med.....	75	95	90.....	88	87
Buckeye Glory, I.D., orchid pink.....	G	.....	1.50.....	.75	"	10	Med.....	86	90	88.....	90	88
Buckeye King, F.D., gold.....	F	.....	.50.....		Mid.	8	Med.....	88	85	85.....	92	87
Buckeye Peach, F.D., golden bronze.....	G	.....	.50.....		"	6	Med.....	85	85	82.....	92	86
Buckeye Star, S.C., pink and gold*.....	G	.....	1.00.....	.75	"	6	Med.....	92	92	72.....	84	85
Cardinal von Rossum, S.C., violet*.....	F	.....	3.00.....	1.00	"	5	Med.....	90	86	80.....	80	84
California Idol, I.D., yellow.....	F	.....	1.50.....	.75	Early	9	Med.....	88	91	88.....	86	88
California Peach, S.C., dull pink.....	P	.....	2.00.....	.75	Late	9	Med.....	90	86	40.....	85	75
Cavalcade, F.D., old rose.....	G	.....	.50.....		Early	8	Med.....	75	92	90.....	86	86
Charles Mastick, F.D., gold*.....	G	.....	5.00.....	1.50	Mid.	8	Med.....	86	88	80.....	85	85
Challenger, S.C., cardinal red.....	G	.....	.75.....	.50	"	8	Med.....	86	86	80.....	88	85
Chautauqua Salute, F.D., white.....	G	.....	.50.....		"	6	Med.....	85	85	80.....	85	84
Chautauqua Sunset, F.D., golden.....	F	.....	.75.....	.50	"	9	Med.....	88	85	82	86	85
Cherokee, S.C., lavender.....	G	.....	1.50.....	.75	"	9	Med.....	85	86	70.....	88	82
Cherokee Brave, I.D., red*.....	F	.....		2.00	"	10	Med.....	88	90	70.....	90	85
Cherokee Rose, I.D., lav. rose.....	G	.....	3.00.....	1.00	Early	8	Med.....	88	90	85.....	90	88
Cerise Buckeye, Inc.C., red.....	F	.....	5.00.....	1.50	"	8	Med.....	85	86	92.....	90	88
Cerise Giant, Cactus, red and silver*....	G	.....	3.00.....	1.00	Late	8	Med.....	86	85	70.....	85	81
Clara Barton, I.D., lavender.....	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Mid.	8	Med.....	86	88	75.....	85	84
Clara Carder, I.D., pink.....	G	.....	.75.....	.50	"	9	Med.....	85	80	85.....	90	85
Cometeer, cactus, gold.....	G	.....	3.00	1.00	Early	4	Med.....	88	90	88.....	88	89
Corallina, S.C., golden red.....	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	8	Med.....	85	85	86.....	86	85
Cornelia B. Pinchot, I.D., dark red.....	G	.....	.50.....		Mid.	9	Med.....	85	85	80.....	75	81
Coronado, I.D., rose magenta*.....	F	.....	5.00.....	1.50	"	7	Med.....	82	88	75.....	85	82
Darcy Sainsbury, F.D., white.....	F	.....		1.00	Early	8	Med.....	86	90	85.....	90	88
D. W. Morrow, I.D., bright red.....	F	.....		.50	Mid.	8	Med.....	80	70	90.....	90	85
Dean Anderson, I.D., henna.....	F	.....	3.50.....	1.25	"	10	Med.....	86	92	85.....	88	88
Dr. Verhage, I.D., bright orange	P	.....		.75	Early	6	Med.....	87	90	94.....	85	89
Dream Beauty, I.D., purple and white	G	2.50.....	1.00	Mid.	7	Med.....	88	82	70.....	90	82

Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio

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Dulcinea, cactus, red*	F	2.00.....	.75	Mid.	5	... Med.	85	.. 86	.. 85	.. 85	.. 85
Dixie Queen, I.D., buff*	F	2.00.....	.75	"	7	... Med.	84	.. 88	.. 80	.. 85	.. 83
Eagle Rock Fantasy, I.D., lavender	P	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	9	... Med.	85	.. 90	.. 70	.. 85	.. 82
Easter Greeting, Str.C., white	F	.....	.50.....	.50	"	4	... Dwarf	.. 85	.. 86	.. 85	.. 85	.. 85
Elegance, S.C., gold	P	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	7	... Med.	85	.. 86	.. 90	.. 85	.. 86
Eliza Clark Bull, F.D., white	P	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	7	... Med.	82	.. 90	.. 80	.. 80	.. 83
Elizabeth Rethberg, I.D., rose	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	9	... Med.	85	.. 85	.. 70	.. 85	.. 81
Elissa Landi, F.D., orange	.....	.....	.50.....	.....	"	8	... Med.	88	.. 86	.. 86	.. 86	.. 86
Enkart's Prima, S.C., salmon and gold*	F	.....	5.00	1.50	"	8	... Med.	92	.. 90	.. 80	.. 90	.. 88
Eva Hunt, I.D., waxy white	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	7	... Tall	86	.. 86	.. 75	.. 88	.. 84
Fireball, F.D., fiery red	F	.....	2.50.....	1.00	"	7	... Med.	86	.. 90	.. 80	.. 86	.. 85
Fireman, S.C., scarlet	F	.....	.....	.75	"	8	... Med.	85	.. 86	.. 80	.. 85	.. 84
Forest Fire, I.D., red and gold	G	.....	.75.....	.50	"	7	... Dwarf	80	.. 80	.. 70	.. 88	.. 79
Fort Monmouth, I.D., dark red	F	.....	.75.....	.50	"	9	... Med.	80	.. 86	.. 85	.. 86	.. 84
Frau Bracht, S.C., lt. yellow	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	8	... Med.	95	.. 90	.. 60	.. 70	.. 79
Frau Ida Mansfield, Str.C., yellow	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	Early	6	... Med.	90	.. 86	.. 80	.. 82	.. 85
Freda George, I.D., cream and pink*	F	.....	.....	1.50	"	9	... Med.	86	.. 90	.. 80	.. 85	.. 85
Gala California, cactus, orange*	F	.....	5.00.....	2.00	Mid.	6	... Med.	86	.. 88	.. 75	.. 80	.. 82
George Wallace, I.D., lt. yellow	G	.....	5.00.....	2.00	"	10	... Med.	85	.. 89	.. 75	.. 92	.. 85
George Washington, I.D., rose pink	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	9	... Tall	86	.. 85	.. 60	.. 90	.. 80
Good-Night, I.D., black red	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	8	... Med.	86	.. 85	.. 80	.. 85	.. 84
Golden Beauty, I.D., pure gold*	F	.....	2.00.....	.75	"	10	... Med.	88	.. 88	.. 88	.. 86	.. 88
Golden Bounty, F.D., yellow*	F	.....	3.50.....	1.25	Late	8	... Med.	85	.. 87	.. 50	.. 70	.. 73
Golden Standard, cactus, gold buff	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Mid.	9	... Med.	85	.. 90	.. 70	.. 50	.. 74
Golden Horn, Inc.C., golden yellow	G	.....	5.00.....	1.50	"	9	... Med.	88	.. 88	.. 90	.. 90	.. 89
Grand Master, F.D., bronze*	F	.....	5.00.....	1.50	"	10	... Med.	80	.. 90	.. 88	.. 86	.. 86
Grand Marshall, S.C., red-violet*	F	.....	.....	1.50	Late	6	... Med.	86	.. 86	.. 70	.. 75	.. 79
Great Eastern, I.D., bronze	F	.....	2.00.....	.75	Mid.	11	... Med.	75	.. 86	.. 80	.. 90	.. 83
Greater Glory, cactus, pink	P	.....	.....	1.50	Late	9	... Med.	85	.. 88	.. 40	.. 70	.. 71
Gretel, S.C., henna	F	.....	.....	.75	Early	5	... Dwarf	90	.. 86	.. 84	.. 84	.. 86
Haslerova, F.D., white st'p'd. purple	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	8	... Med.	75	.. 90	.. 86	.. 86	.. 84
Hillcrest Cinderella, I.D., lavender	P	.....	1.00.....	.50	Mid.	9	... Med.	80	.. 90	.. 70	.. 86	.. 82
Hillcrest Mandarin, I.D., red and gold	G	.....	.50.....	.....	Late	10	... Med.	88	.. 90	.. 60	.. 90	.. 82
Helly Bondewijn, F.D., white*	F	.....	.....	.50	Mid.	4	... Med.	80	.. 90	.. 85	.. 80	.. 84
Honor Bright, F.D., gold bronze	F	.....	.50.....	.....	Early	8	... Med.	88	.. 80	.. 90	.. 90	.. 87
Jane Cowl, I.D., golden bronze	G	.....	.50.....	.....	Mid.	8	... Tall	85	.. 86	.. 80	.. 95	.. 87
Jane Dew, I.D., clear pink	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	Early	9	... Dwarf	80	.. 80	.. 95	.. 85	.. 85
Jersey's Beauty, F.D., pink	G	.....	.50.....	.....	Mid.	5	... Tall	85	.. 94	.. 82	.. 86	.. 87
Jersey's Dainty, Str. Cactus, white	G	.....	.50.....	.....	"	5	... Med.	85	.. 90	.. 86	.. 86	.. 87
Jersey's White Beauty, F.D., white	P	.....	1.00.....	.....	"	5	... Med.	80	.. 85	.. 80	.. 70	.. 78
Jean Trimbee, I.D., to S.C., purple	G	.....	.50.....	.....	Early	8	... Tall	80	.. 92	.. 90	.. 90	.. 88
Jean Kerr, F.D., white	F	.....	.35.....	.....	"	3½	... Dwarf	80	.. 86	.. 95	.. 86	.. 87
Jimmie Foxx, I.D., copper*	F	.....	3.00.....	1.00	Mid.	9	... Med.	86	.. 85	.. 60	.. 90	.. 80
Josephine G., I.D., pink	G	.....	.50.....	.....	Early	6	... Med.	80	.. 86	.. 90	.. 90	.. 86
Jessica Dragonette, S.C., apricot mauve	F	.....	.....	.75	Mid.	8	... Med.	86	.. 86	.. 60	.. 88	.. 80
Julius C. Bunge, Str. Cactus, true pink*	F	.....	.....	1.00	"	4½	... Dwarf	92	.. 92	.. 80	.. 75	.. 85
Karl Bonawitz, S.C., red	G	.....	.50.....	.....	Early	7	... Med.	85	.. 84	.. 86	.. 88	.. 86
Kay Francis, S.C., yellow	G	.....	.50.....	.....	"	7	... Med.	82	.. 86	.. 86	.. 90	.. 86
Kathleen Norris, I.D., rose pink	F	.....	.....	.50	Mid.	8	... Med.	84	.. 92	.. 84	.. 80	.. 85
Kentucky Sun, F.D., yellow*	F	.....	.....	1.50	"	8	... Med.	85	.. 89	.. 90	.. 85	.. 87
Kemp's Monarch, F.D., bronze	G	.....	.....	1.50	"	9	... Med.	85	.. 85	.. 80	.. 85	.. 84
La Fiesta, I.D., yellow penciled orange	G	.....	.50.....	.....	"	8	... Med.	80	.. 85	.. 80	.. 85	.. 82
Lord of Autumn, I.D., yellow	F	.....	2.00.....	.75	"	10	... Med.	85	.. 80	.. 90	.. 85	.. 85
Laetare, S.C., red gold	G	.....	.75.....	.50	"	5	... Med.	88	.. 86	.. 86	.. 90	.. 87
Leland Stanford, I.D., red*	F	.....	.....	1.00	"	9	... Med.	85	.. 85	.. 80	.. 85	.. 84
Louise Bates, S.C., lavender	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	10	... Med.	75	.. 86	.. 90	.. 85	.. 84
Leiden's Bronze, cactus, golden bronze*	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	Early	4	... Med.	82	.. 86	.. 90	.. 80	.. 84
Mad. Ferd. Botty, cactus, ruby red*	F	.....	.....	1.00	Mid.	5	... Med.	85	.. 86	.. 80	.. 80	.. 83
Major Bowes, I.D., geranium red	G	.....	.....	1.00	"	10	... Tall	83	.. 80	.. 85	.. 90	.. 84
Margrace, I.D., red and gold	G	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	10	... Med.	85	.. 85	.. 80	.. 90	.. 85
Marie, F.D., pink	G	.....	.50.....	.....	"	5	... Med.	85	.. 90	.. 80	.. 90	.. 86
Mary Baker, I.D., deep yellow	F	.....	.50.....	.....	Early	7	... Dwarf	85	.. 88	.. 96	.. 85	.. 88
Maryland's Delight, I.D., true pink*	F	.....	3.00.....	1.50	"	7	... Med.	80	.. 86	.. 92	.. 90	.. 87
Maryland's Pioneer, F.D., cerise red*	F	.....	1.50.....	.75	Mid.	8	... Med.	85	.. 86	.. 80	.. 87	.. 85
Mascotte, Inc.C., pink*	G	.....	.....	.75	"	5	... Med.	85	.. 85	.. 70	.. 86	.. 81
Man O' War, I.D., red	F	.....	.75.....	.50	Early	8	... Med.	85	.. 86	.. 80	.. 90	.. 85
May Robson, S.C., true pink	F	.....	.....	1.00	Mid.	8	... Med.	90	.. 80	.. 80	.. 85	.. 84
Midwest Champion, I.D., pink	F	.....	1.00.....	.50	"	9	... Med.	84	.. 87	.. 80	.. 85	.. 84
Michigan White, S.C., to I.D., white*	F	5.00.....	1.50	Early	6	... Med.	86	.. 88	.. 85	.. 85	.. 86
Milton J. Cross, I.D., golden bronze	F	2.00.....	.75	"	9	... Med.	85	.. 90	.. 90	.. 86	.. 88

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Abbreviations—F.D.—Formal Decorative. I.D.—Informal Decorative. S.C.—Semi-Cactus. Str.C.—Straight Cactus. Inc.—Incurved Cactus. Mid.—Midseason. As a root maker: G—Good; F—Fair; P—Poor.		As a root maker	Price per root	Price per plant		Av. diam. of flower	Height	Substance	Stem and pose of flower	Floriferousness	Vigor	Figure of merit
Miriam Hopkins, S.C., copper orange	F	.....	2.00.....	.75 Mid.	10	....	Med.....	85...90...80...80...84				
Miss Belgium, Str. Cactus, orange	F	.....	.75.....	.50 Early	4	..	Med.....	90...90...88...80...87				
Miss Glory, S.C., deep yellow	G	.....	1.00.....	.50 Mid.	9	..	Med.....	85...85...80...90...85				
Miss Indiana, F.D., lt. pink	G	.....	1.00.....	.50 Early	4	....	Med.....	92...85...75...90...85				
Miss Oakland, F.D., white	F	.....	1.00.....	.50 Mid.	6	....	Med.....	84...86...80...86...84				
Miss Ohio, Inc.C., lt. purple	G	.....	1.00.....	.50 “	4	....	Med.....	84...88...75...90...84				
Mrs. C. E. Wildon, F.D., buff scarlet	G	.....	3.00.....	1.00 Late	8	....	Med.....	85...85...50...90...77				
Mrs. Wm. Knudsen, I.D., white*	G	.....	3.50.....	1.50 Mid.	9	....	Med.....	85...88...80...90...85				
Monarch of the East, F.D., orange gold*	G	.....	3.00.....	1.00 “	8	....	Med.....	70...86...90...90...84				
Modern Times, F.D., orange tpd. white	G	.....	.....	1.00 “	5	....	Med.....	86...88...85...85...86				
Mother Maytrott, I.D., white	F	.....	5.00.....	1.50 “	7	....	Med.....	85...87...80...86...85				
Mrs. Rufus Dawes, I.D., rose pink	G	.....	2.00.....	.75 Early	8	..	Med.....	84...82...80...90...84				
Mrs. Bruce Collins, Str.C., yellow	G	.....	.50.....	.... “	6	..	Dwarf ..	80...85...88...88...85				
Mrs. Ida Chase, cactus, pink and yellow	F	.....	.75.....	.... Mid.	6	..	Med.	85...85...50...80...75				
Mrs. Geo. Le Boutillier, I.D., red	G	.....	.50.....	.... “	10	....	Med.	80...80...90...92...85				
Mrs. Herbert O'Connor, cactus, pink	G	.....	2.00.....	.75 “	7	....	Tall	80...88...75...90...84				
Murphy's Masterpiece, I.D., red*	F	.....	1.00*.....	.50 “	10	....	Med.....	86...88...50...70...74				
Myra Howard, I.D., orange	F	.....	.50.....	.... “	8	....	Med.....	86...85...75...86...83				
Nagel's Bijou, cactus, lt. salmon or tan	F	.....	2.00.....	.75 “	4	..	Dwarf ..	88...85...92...85...87				
New Glory, S.C., garnet tpd. white	F	.....	.50.....	.... Late	7	....	Med.....	85...86...60...85...79				
Oakleigh Monarch, F.D., red*	G	.....	1.50.....	.75 Mid.	10	....	Med.....	86...92...88...95...90				
Opal, I.D., pastel rose and silver	G	.....	2.00.....	.75 “	9	....	Med.....	86...90...82...90...87				
Oriental Glory, I.D., orange	G	.....	.75.....	.50 Early	9	....	Med.....	84...84...88...95...88				
Peace, I.D., white*	F	.....	.....	1.00 “	8	..	Med.....	84...90...88...70...83				
Palo Alto, I.D., salmon	G	.....	.75.....	.50 Mid.	9	....	Med.....	85...80...80...80...81				
Paul Pfitzer, S.C., pink and yellow	F	.....	1.00.....	.50 Late	7	....	Med.....	90...85...60...80...79				
Purple Mist, F.D., purple	F	.....	3.00.....	1.00 Mid.	9	....	Med.....	85...90...80...85...85				
Pacific Splendor, I.D., lt. pink & white*	F	.....	.....	.75 “	7	....	Med.....	84...86...80...82...83				
Pride of Shadowbrook, S.C., orange	F	.....	.....	1.50 Early	6	....	Dwarf ..	88...91...86...80...86				
Polichinelle, cactus, lt. pink*	F	.....	.....	1.00 Mid.	5	....	Dwarf ..	85...90...80...80...84				
Pink Grand, I.D., soft rose pink*	G	.....	15.00.....	5.00 “	8	....	Med.....	92...90...88...85...89				
Queen City, F.D., scarlet pink	F	.....	1.00.....	.50 Early	7	....	Med.....	90...92...95...85...90				
Queen of the Angels, S.C., clear pink	F	.....	1.00.....	.50 Mid.	7	....	Tall	92...88...80...78...84				
Red Cap, Jr., S.C., red	F	.....	.50.....	.... “	3½	....	Dwarf ..	80...90...85...80...84				
Red Favorite, S.C., scarlet red	F	.....	.50.....	.... Early	4	....	Dwarf ..	85...90...75...86...84				
Rainbow's End, F.D., red and gold	F	.....	.75.....	.50 Mid.	7	....	Med.....	85...86...88...86...86				
Red Jug, S.C., crimson	G	.....	.50.....	.... “	7	....	Tall	82...88...82...88...85				
Renate Muller, cactus, salmon & yellow	G	.....	.50.....	.... “	5	....	Med.....	85...90...80...85...85				
Rockleigh Moon, F.D., golden yellow	G	.....	.....	.50 “	8	....	Med.....	85...90...75...90...85				
Royal Pennant, F.D., purple	G	.....	.75.....	.... Early	7	....	Med.....	70...88...85...90...83				
Royal Salute, I.D., orange red	F	.....	.75.....	.... “	8	....	Med.....	80...85...86...86...84				
Ruth Vaughan, F.D., lt. pink	G	.....	.50.....	.... Mid.	5	....	Med.....	80...86...80...86...83				
Royal Auvergne, S.C., orange*	G	.....	2.00.....	.75 “	6	....	Med.....	90...88...75...85...85				
Royal Black, S.C., dark red*	F	.....	.....	.75 Early	7	....	Med.....	85...90...70...85...83				
Robert Ripley, I.D., lt. purple	P	.....	.....	1.50 Late	9	....	Med.....	85...88...40...85...75				
Robert Emmett, I.D., red	G	.....	.50.....	.... Mid.	7	....	Med.....	85...88...80...86...85				
Royal Purchase, cactus, golden yellow	G	.....	1.50.....	.75 Early	8	....	Med.....	86...90...92...80...87				
Rudy Vallee, S.C., orange	G	.....	.75.....	.50 Mid.	8	....	Med.....	86...85...70...85...82				
Saarland's Heimkehr, C., pink yellow	F	.....	1.00.....	.50 “	7	....	Med.....	86...88...75...85...84				
Saladini, F.D., orange	G	.....	.35.....	.... Early	7	....	Med.....	80...75...92...98...86				
Saracen, F.D., huge purple*	F	.....	3.50.....	1.25 Mid.	10	..	Med.....	90...88...80...86...86				
Satan, S.C., scarlet	F	.....	.50.....	.... “	8	....	Tall	84...75...75...88...80				
Scarlet Elegance, cactus, scarlet	F	.....	.....	.75 Early	5	....	Dwarf ..	84...88...92...80...86				
Scarlet Wonder, S.C., scarlet*	G	.....	.....	.75 “	6	....	Dwarf ..	86...86...83...85...85				
Scarlet Jersey's Beauty, F.D., cardinal*	G	.....	2.00.....	.75 “	5	....	Med.....	80...88...90...90...87				
Son of Satan, S.C., scarlet	F	.....	.....	1.00 Mid.	9	....	Med.....	85...86...80...80...83				
Sonny Boy, I.D., rose and gold	F	.....	1.00.....	.50 “	8	....	Med.....	82...86...90...80...84				
Souvenir, I.D., deep pink*	G	.....	.75.....	.... “	9	....	Med.....	80...80...85...90...84				
Sultan of Hillcrest, I.D., golden yellow	G	.....	.75.....	.50 “	10	....	Med.....	88...84...78...90...85				
Tyrian Buckeye, F.D., Tyrian pink	F	.....	7.50.....	3.00 “	8	....	Med.....	86...88...85...92...88				
Tannenburg, S.C., red tpd. gold	G	.....	.75.....	.50 “	6	....	Tall	90...88...75...92...86				
Tower's Empire, I.D., golden yellow	G	.....	.50.....	.... Early	9	..	Tall	75...88...84...92...85				
Tom Blackwood, F.D., bronze	F	.....	.....	1.00 Mid.	9	....	Med.....	84...86...70...80...80				
Velvet Wonder, I.D., burgundy red	G	.....	.....	.50 “	10	....	Dwarf ..	86...86...75...85...83				
Volcano, F.D., huge bronze	G	.....	3.50.....	1.25 “	10	....	Med.....	86...86...86...92...87				
Vlammenspel, cactus, orange red	F	.....	.75.....	.... “	5	....	Dwarf ..	82...86...85...83...84				
Washington Giant, I.D., lavender	P	.....	.75.....	.50 “	9	....	Med.....	84...88...80...84...84				
White Abundance, F.D., white*	G	.....	1.00.....	.50 “	6	....	Tall	84...92...85...90...88				
Wm. H. Hogan, F.D., red tpd. white	G	.....	.50.....	.... “	6	....	Med.....	90...86...75...85...84				
Yellow Marvel, F.D., yellow tpd. white	F	.....	1.50.....	.75 Late	7	....	Med.....	86...86...50...86...77				

*Starts flowering early July and early August; Midseason September 1-20; Late September 20 and later.

BARGAINS - Standard Large Flowered Varieties not listed in Table of Ratings **- BARGAINS**

***NEVER BEFORE** has such extraordinary value been offered in large flowered dahlias. These 38 varieties, all tubers, each labeled, will be delivered post or express paid for **\$8.50** (after March 31 we reserve the right to substitute when sold out).

35c each, any ten or more
at **30c** each; all 19 for..... **\$5.00**

American Legion, I.D., huge yellow
Buckeye Queen, F.D., large lavender
Dr. Carmen, F.D., large rose
Dorothy Stone, F.D., pink
Cameo, I.D., coral pink
Elkridge, S.C., white
Entrup's Monarch. I.D., carmine
Golden Sonne, cactus, pink and yellow
Grandee, I.D., very large, red and gold
Grace Curling, I.D., lavender
Graf Zeppelin, F.D., white
King of Blacks, F.D., black red
Kentucky Red, F.D., fire red
Mary Ellen, F.D., orchid pink
Margaret Starke, Str. cactus, pink
Orinda, I.D., very large, orchid
Ruby Taylor, F.D., purple
The World, F.D., purple and silver
W. H. T., F.D., old rose

25c each, any ten or more
at **20c** each; all 19 for..... **\$3.10**

White Beauty, F.D., white
City of Cleveland, S.C., bronze
City of Trenton, F.D., bronze
Ed. Thos. Bedford, F.D., purple
Fay Beaton, S.C., white
Flower Grower, I.D., lavender
Great Harbor, I.D., large red
Harry Strutt, cactus, red
Hillcrest Royalist, I.D., purple
Jane Ross, F.D., purple
James Kirby, I.D., red
Janet Southwick, I.D., purple and white
Mrs. I. de Vere Warner, F.D., orchid
Pres. Roosevelt, I.D., Lt. scarlet
Carla, S.C., pink buff
Robert Treat, F.D., rose
The Whirlwind, I.D., buff
Unicum, S.C., pink and yellow
Victoria, cactus, yellow

NEW DAHLIAS - Continued

ALICE MAY, (Australia). I.D. Bloom 10x5. A pure waxy white forming a complete ball; otherwise formation resembles Lord of Autumn. A free bloomer and vigorous grower. Plants **\$5.00**

DOMINANT, (Holland). Cactus (8x5). A lilac rose color and a beautifully formed flower. Plants **\$1.50**

KING GEORGE, (England). I.D. 10x5. A scarlet with old gold reverse. Fine for exhibition, an outstanding dahlia. Plants **\$1.50**

LADY ALICE, (England). 10x5. The masterpiece of English Cactus Dahlias. Gigantic blooms of yellow shading to white at tips. Plants **\$1.50**

MRS. C. J. SOWTON, (Australia). I.D. Blooms 10x 15 in. Color is an outstanding pinkish cinnamon. Bush dwarf with many flowers carried high on fine long stem. Plants **\$2.50**

MRS. MAY WALLACE, (Chautauqua). I.D. The newest of the Wallace family and stated to be the finest dahlia ever originated. Enormous, deep unshaded golden yellow with a warm glow of flesh at base of petals. Vigorous and sturdy variety. Plants **\$5.00**

M. PIERRE LUNDEN, (Belgium). S.C. (7x5). A fine cut-flower variety of deep lilac rose with gold at centre. Very free. Plants **\$1.50**

NAGEL'S GIANT, (Belgium). I.D. Deep salmon suffused golden yellow. Bloom measuring 13 inches across. Plants **\$2.00**

OTHER NEW DAHLIAS AVAILABLE. WRITE YOUR WANTS.

*Pot Clumps

GOLDEN RULE ARISTOCRATS

The Dahlia Honor Roll of Time

THIS LIST includes only outstanding varieties which have been before the public one or more seasons. They have been gathered from several countries of the world.

To receive the Golden Rule stamp of approval, a dahlia variety must be a vigorous grower and a reliable producer of flowers, with fine beauty and good form.

NOTE: The numbers in parentheses are the figures of merit of each variety.

Formal Decorative Dahlias

BALLEGO'S GLORY. An amazingly brilliant bicolor of deep gold and red. It is unfailing in its attraction to exhibitors in our gardens and makes a valuable cut flower. (86) Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

BUCKEYE BRIDE. Geranium to light salmon pink. For beauty, stem, habit and profusion of bloom this variety is still supreme. A most reliable producer of flowers the florist likes. (87) Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

BUCKEYE KING. A gold shaded apricot. Though five years old, there has not yet appeared a new gold or bronze that can equal Buckeye King for beauty and performance in the Midwest. It is outstanding in the gardens of the Ohio Valley, and wins in the shows. (87) Roots **\$0.50**

BUCKEYE PEACH. A golden bronze. When we need a bronzy cut flower we always turn to Buckeye Peach, as it is far better at our farm than Jane Cowl, which does not keep. (86) Roots **\$0.50**

CAVALCADE. A large old rose with superlative all round qualities. Originated in the Lake Region, it has proved to be one of the best midwestern varieties. (86) Roots **\$0.50**

CHAUTAUQUA SUNSET. Large gold and coral, a beautiful shining color. It produces many big flowers over a long season. (85) Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

DARCY SAINSBURY. A large creamy white of great vigor and productiveness. The many superb flowers appear early in the season. This is a notable contribution from Australia. The modern dahlia is spreading over the globe and the Southern Hemisphere grows good ones as well as the North. (88) Plants **\$1.00**

ELISSA LANDI. A true orange color and a fine, vigorous, reliable and free bloomer. It adds to the autumn shade cut flowers when most needed. (86) Roots **\$0.50**

FIREBALL. A true scarlet and the best of the fiery reds. It is a large ball shaped formal of long lasting qualities. (85) Roots **\$2.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

***GRAND MASTER.** A new and large bronzy shade that for production of big flowers is hard to beat. (86) Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

HONOR BRIGHT. The bronze gold that is used so widely in this country for its cut flowers and advertised so highly in Europe. Introduced in 1934 by us with Buckeye King, there are no better examples of the great value and long life of Golden Rule introductions. Honor Bright is a living example of almost perfect habit of growth with its numerous upright long canes and stems with the large flowers topping. When cut it is one of the few that grow in beauty in the vase, reaching its greatest beauty under artificial light. (87) Roots **\$0.50**

JERSEY'S BEAUTY. This fine pink was the first truly florist's dahlia, and will be a favorite for many years to come. (87) Roots **\$0.50**

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JEAN KERR. A not very large white but until 1938 it was the only white we could rely on to produce unspotted blooms for cutting in July, August and September. (87) Roots **\$0.35**

***KENTUCKY SUN.** Yellow exhibition dahlia. The writer had the pleasure of judging at Madison, Ind. last fall with the originator, Roy White, of Louisville, who was quite proud of the prizes Kentucky Sun was receiving, and justly so; for it is the best exhibition yellow formal to date. (87) Plants **\$1.50**

MARIE. Clear pink. Good pinks are scarce and this one combines vigor, profusion of bloom with a good clump of roots. (86) Roots **\$0.50**

MARYLAND'S PIONEER. A unique and beautiful shade of cerise red in a large flower. Roots **\$1.50**—Plants **\$0.75**

MISS INDIANA. A medium sized shell pink and one of the most lasting when cut that I know of. The joke was on Dr. White when he discovered on Saturday night about eight that he had forgotten to put water in his huge basket of Miss Indiana, which was probably the most outstanding piece in the Cincinnati show. However, the flowers had not yet wilted, after being dry for ten hours or so. (85) Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

MODERN TIMES. Orange tipped white. Bicolors seem now to be more popular than ever. This is a good one. (85) Plants **\$1.00**

***OAKLEIGH MONARCH.** A large beautiful crimson, not only of finest quality for cutting and exhibition but a fine thrifty grower producing many blooms. The best of all large reds. (89) Roots **\$1.50**—Plants **\$0.75**

***PURPLE MIST.** A soft purple with a misty sheen. Large and of finest form. (85) Roots **\$3.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

QUEEN CITY, Scarlet pink, a ball type formal. In cut flower markets, wherever it is offered in some quantity florists acquainted with Queen City pronounce it definitely superior to Jersey's Beauty as a florists' dahlia. From our farm it comprises the great bulk of our cut blooms from early July till frost. (90) Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

RAINBOW'S END. Such a close blend of red and gold that it seems an orange. A fine large flower with excellent habit and fine stems. (86) Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

SALADINI. A very old dahlia and a bright orange. This was one of the first varieties that, back in the nineteen twenties, made us wonder why we couldn't have more dahlias that produced flowers dependably through all sorts of seasons: from such observations grew the present group of Golden Rule Introductions. Saladini is a living testimonial to the greatness of our old friend, Bessie Boston. (86) Roots **\$0.35**

***SARACEN.** A beautiful medium purple of largest size and best qualities of bush and flower. We introduced this last year and when we read the reports of those who grew it were amazed. You see, growing dahlias on open farm land does not realize their greatest beauty. It takes the protected situations and richer soils of the private gardens. We now believe that Saracen is the greatest of all purple formals as well as the biggest. (86) Roots **\$3.50**—Plants **\$1.25**

***SCARLET JERSEY'S BEAUTY.** Cardinal red, a true scarlet. It is early, free and keeps right on blooming. (87) Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

VOLCANO. Huge bronze or golden apricot. At New York last fall an assembly of twenty-five blooms of Volcano was one of the finest pieces at the show and held up the best. This dahlia is one of the best examples of the truth of the statement that the Ohio Valley is the best of all trial grounds for dahlias. Volcano is very vigorous and free, producing good roots. (87) Roots **\$3.50**—Plants **\$1.25**

***WHITE ABUNDANCE.** A white of good size and a very welcome addition to our farm plantings, for it gives us large white cut flowers when most needed and in quantities. (88) Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

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GOLDEN RULE INTRODUCTIONS for 1939

Special Offer

One plant each of the four 1939 introductions, shown here, for \$8.00

***PINK GRAND.** Informal Decorative. A grand pink dahlia for exhibition recommended for gardens where Kathleen Norris does not grow well; for it is an easy dahlia to grow and of the same color, a soft yet deep rose pink. Moreover, it has extremely great substance, outkeeping nearly all cut-flower dahlias. An Honor Roll and Certificate of Merit variety. (89)

Roots **\$15.00**—Plants **\$5.00**



GOLDEN HORN. Incurved cactus. Of a beautiful deep golden yellow, with long stems. Suitable for various flower arrangements. A good keeper when cut. Golden Horn is an early, very free and continuous bloomer. Very vigorous and dependable. (89)

Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

CERISE BUCKEYE. Incurved cactus. A grand growing and most free blooming cactus. Color eugenia to rose red (cerise red). Extremely early and it is still going strong at frost. Cerise Buckeye was much admired by visitors, both at the farm and at our town garden this past season. (88)

Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**



TYRIAN BUCKEYE. Formal Decorative. Of a bright tyrian pink, a true pink. This variety blooms early, has almost perfect habits of growth and the dependable vigor of growth characteristic of Golden Rule introductions. This variety should fill the want of formal exhibition pinks since it is large with good form and stem. (88)

Roots **\$7.50**—Plants **\$3.00**



Bush of Saracen

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Informal Decorative Dahlias

ADIRONDACK SUNSET. Another red and gold so closely blended that it seems an orange. During a drouth this variety is appreciated greatest. It is a good cut flower dahlia, which is the best of all recommendations. (86)

Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

***ADOLPH MAYER.** This is not only the blackest of the black-reds but the most vigorous and productive. (88)

Roots **\$3.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

AMY MARTIN GARDIN. A beautiful rose with a light reverse. A dahlia that although it has never been publicized or advertised still persists as one of the best in our field. (88)

Roots **\$0.50**

ANDREA ERICKSON. A large white that blooms well under nearly all conditions and in all seasons. (85)

Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

ANNA BENEDICT. One of the very few reds that can be used for cutting. There are fewer really good reds than of any other color. This is one of the best. (87)

Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

ARCTURUS. The most brilliant of all reds and golds and another of those introductions that continues to surprise us with its performances in private gardens. (86)

Roots **\$0.50**

BUCKEYE GLORY. There is no better orchid shade dahlia than this. Blooms are very large and if grown for exhibition will win. It blooms early and can be used for cutting throughout the season. It produces a big clump of roots that keep well. (88)

Roots **\$1.50**—Plants **\$0.75**



Buckeye Glory

CALIFORNIA IDOL. There is no better large yellow dahlia than this. It succeeds in almost every garden and at our farm as well. One of the biggest winners in dahlia history. (88)

Roots **\$1.50**—Plants **\$0.75**

***CHEROKEE BRAVE.** Maybe Murphy's Masterpiece has at last met its master in this variety. Anyway, it won many prizes this last fall. If it continues to be as vigorous as it seemed in 1938, it will supplant Murphy's. (85)

Pot Clumps **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.00**

CHEROKEE ROSE. What we said of this fine lilac rose last year still holds good. It is a fine large flower suitable for exhibition or cutting and all bushes are uniformly vigorous and free blooming. Stems are excellent. (88)

Roots **\$3.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

CLARA CARDER. A large flower of a beautiful pink described as "cyclamen pink." A fine vigorous variety and a good root maker and will do exceptionally well in nearly all private gardens. (85)

Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

D. W. MORROW. An old free blooming large red that is probably the most popular of all reds. (85)

Plants **\$0.50**

DEAN ANDERSON. We know of no other of the very large dahlias that gives us more pleasure than this bright henna. Very big but not at all coarse; and right out in our field it gives us so many of its large perfect blooms. (88)

Roots **\$3.50**—Plants **\$1.25**

DR. VERHAGE. The most free blooming large flowered dahlia we have seen. A bright orange good for cutting. One of the best that ever came out of Europe. (89)

Plants **\$0.75**

***FREDA GEORGE.** Very prominent in shows was this fine pastel shade of cream and pink. Large and extremely beautiful. This and Opal are the two best pastels. (85)

Pot Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

GEORGE WALLACE. At our farm this light yellow produced the very largest of all blooms. (85)

Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.00**

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***GOLDEN BEAUTY.** A true golden color, and one of the very largest, and of great substance. These qualities combined with its freedom of bloom and vigor make this the best of the new dahlias we purchased last year. By the originator of Oakleigh Monarch it adds greatly to Mr. Hook's prestige as an introducer of really substantial dahlias. (88) Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

JANE COWL. The ease with which fine large flowers may be produced from Jane Cowl in the average garden and the beauty of the large golden bronze flowers still brings this old variety to the show table each year in surprisingly large numbers. And it still wins. (87) Roots **\$0.50**

JANE DEW. This is one of the best of the very large pinks for garden decorations. Very free of bloom. (85) Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

JEAN TRIMBEE. Everybody classes this fine purple as a semi-cactus and we have too in the past. But in our fields it more often is Informal. Here is a chance for exhibitors, by careful selection of flowers, to win with this dahlia in the two classes. One of the most reliable of all purples. (88) Roots **\$0.50**

JOSEPHINE G. Being such a reliable producer of fine pink flowers, places this variety as one of the best of garden pinks. (86) Roots **\$0.50**

KATHLEEN NORRIS. Though we now have in Pink Grand a more reliable producer of large blooms of identical color, this beautiful rose pink will still be grown successfully by some exhibitors for some time yet. A well grown bloom of Kathleen Norris will win at the shows. (85) Plants **\$0.50**

LORD OF AUTUMN. This is a fine big clear bright yellow and an early producer. It is moreover one of the most beautiful and productive of all large dahlias. (85) Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

MARGRACE. Two color combinations of red and gold were fairly common among the new dahlias offered a few years ago, but this one will, I believe, remain outstanding for a long time yet. Some of us deprecate the large dahlias but few of us dislike them. This is one of our favorites. (85) Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

MARY BAKER. One of the earliest and most free of all dahlias this fine clear deep yellow was especially valuable to us in 1938. It bloomed from July 1st till October 24th, continuously. It is a good exhibition flower, too. (88) Roots **\$0.50**

***MARYLAND'S DELIGHT.** With its many large clear pink flowers, early and late, this variety was a delight in Southern Ohio, too. (87) Roots **\$3.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

MAN O' WAR. This large red has a specialty of producing the best of the early season red flowers. (85) Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

MICHIGAN WHITE. (See under Semi Cactus). (86) Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

MILTON J. CROSS. A combination of lemon yellow and rose and a spectacular sight when in full bloom. It does well everywhere. Early. (88) Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

***MRS. WM. KNUDSEN.** Strictly a large exhibition white this new variety does not bloom until about show time, then puts out a fine large array of beautiful big exhibition blooms. (85) Roots **\$3.50**—Plants **\$1.50**

MOTHER MAYTROT. Another large white but this one is useful both for cutting and for exhibition. Good vigor, fine stems and plenty of flowers. (85) Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

MRS. GEO. BOUTILLIER. Biggest of all large reds, combined with perfect vigor, production of plenty of roots and best of all, plenty of flowers. (85) Roots **\$0.50**

OPAL. A pastel rose and silver with excellent vigor. It starts flowering in September and by October 1st is a mass of flowers. We used it for cutting. It is an excellent root maker. (87) Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

ORIENTAL GLORY. Bright true orange. Being one of those rare dahlias that seems immune to insect attacks, it always blooms early and well, and makes a hardy clump of roots. (88) Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

ROBERT EMMETT. This is a most beautiful bright red and a most dependable dahlia in all ways. It is always one of the most admired in our fields. (85)

Roots **\$0.50**

SULTAN OF HILLCREST. A golden yellow buff. In most home gardens the blooms are freely produced and easily reach twelve inches across. (85)

Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

TOWER'S EMPIRE. Some of the finest golden yellow flowers in our fields are annually produced by this strong growing dahlia. The foliage is somewhat fern-like and all other qualities, beauty, stem and productiveness are top notch. (85)

Roots **\$0.50**

SEMI-CACTUS DAHLIAS

***BALLEGO'S SURPRISE.** Going to many dahlia shows in the Midwest, Lake region and New York as we did last fall would convince one that this dahlia was the greatest white cactus of all times. Grow it in your own garden and be sure of it. (85)

Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

BETTE DAVIS. A lilac mauve or deep orchid and a dahlia that is unfailing in producing lots of fine large flowers on perfect stems. It is always one of the brightest spots in the field. (87)

Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

***BUCKEYE STAR.** There have been so many pink and yellow combinations offered in the semi and cactus types but never have we seen one to equal the beauty of this useful dahlia. Large enough for exhibition and still its greatest use is for cut flowers because it holds up so very long after cutting. (85)

Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

CHALLENGER. The dahlias that bloom early and dependably every season are those we call good dahlias. Challenger is one of these and is a brilliant cardinal toned with gold. (85)

Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

CORALLINA. A beautiful golden brownish red, a color never before seen. Many fine early flowers are produced, and the long canes and stems show them to perfection. (85)

Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

ELEGANCE. A large gold yellow with a beautiful pink sheen. If grown for cutting and disbudded an astonishing quality of fine flowers may be harvested. No more beautiful semi grows. It is rightly named. (86)

Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

***ENKART'S PRIMA.** The Europeans seem to be partial to cactus and semi-cactus of soft pink with yellow centres. There have been many of this type in the past, but this one is not only larger but for big strong bushes and dependable bloom of very high quality it cannot be beaten. (88)

Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

GRETEL. A bright henna red. This was first described as an improvement over Miss Belgium but it is distinctly different and a fine dahlia in its own right. It will last a long time when cut. (86)

Plants **\$0.75**

JEAN TRIMBEE. (See Formal Decorative Dahlias).

Roots **\$0.50**

KARL BONAWITZ. For a red semi that always produces quantities of fine bloom and is especially useful for local cutting, this old variety has never met its equal. (86)

Roots **\$0.50**

KAY FRANCIS. Always in bloom, early, midseason and late. Light yellow but deeper yellow than Frau Bracht and bigger. It is one of the most useful dahlias for all purposes: exhibition, cutting and garden decoration. (86)

Roots **\$0.50**

LAETARE. Red gold or brownish orange. The best testimonial we ever give a dahlia is to say that it is a good florist's flower. Laetare is one of these. (87)

Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

***MICHIGAN WHITE.** For years we have had to use Jean Kerr (though rather small and with not much substance) for white cut flowers in August and September. The reason was that it was the only white producing unspotted flowers in warm weather. Now appears Michigan White, which will do the same and is much larger, with good lasting qualities and freely produced on nice stems. We believe this is the most useful white introduced in twenty years. (86)

Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio

MISS GLORY. A grand deep yellow. One of the very largest of semi-cactus dahlias. It is strong and vigorous and produces fine flowers during the exhibition season. (85)
Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

PRIDE OF SHADOWBROOK. Plenty of bloom produced by a dahlia is as essential for exhibition purposes as for cut flower uses. This new free blooming orange is good for both. (86)
Plants **\$1.50**

RED JUG. A deep crimson, almost carmine. Characterized by perfection of form and beauty, this dahlia is also blessed with a rugged constitution that enables it to furnish fine flowers anywhere at any time. (85)
Roots **\$0.50**

***ROYAL AUVERGNE.** Imagine a semi-cactus flower on Honor Bright and you have this dahlia. The same perfection of bush growth and stem. The flowers have great substance. (85)
Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

***SCARLET WONDER.** This was probably the best of the red cactus or semi-cactus we got from Europe with the exception of one other. The blooms have real class and nearly perfection. (85).
Plants **\$0.75**

TANNENBURG. A truly unique, a different dahlia. Red lightly tipped gold, the flowers are of great substance and very useful for cut flowers. (86)
Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

Cactus Dahlias

***BEARNE.** Inc. C. pink. And the best pink we have yet seen. We saw fine blooms at all the shows and used it for a cut-flower at the farm. It blooms very early and keeps right on producing fine flowers up to the end of the season. (88) Plants **\$0.75**

BERGER'S JEWELL. With most dahlias the delicate shaded colors do not survive the great open spaces of our farm. This white tinted lavender, however, has great substance and it is useful to us for cutting. The bushes are also quite vigorous. (86)
Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**

COMETEER, Str. C. When we introduced this dahlia last year we didn't realize that it was going to be the first cactus at our farm which could be depended on for cut flowers. We cut Cometeer for the florist market from July 15th till frost. It is essentially a gold color but sometimes a pinkish tone is prominent. To serve the demands of the shows and the florists, kept our bushes stripped all through September. Next season we will grow more of Cometeer. (89)
Roots **\$3.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

***DULCINEA,** A pure spectrum red in a beautiful straight cactus. An extremely profuse bloomer on long straight stems and it is always prominent in shows winning many prizes.
Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

EASTER GREETING. A white straight cactus that is useful for a cut flower whether grown outdoors or in a greenhouse. We filled three benches with this dahlia under glass and had plenty of bloom for the florists during October and well into November. This dahlia was developed originally for pot plants for the Easter trade. It is excellent for that purpose. (85)
Roots **\$0.50**—Plants **\$0.50**

FRAU IDA MANSFIELD. A deep yellow straight cactus of good size and one that always appears at the shows winning prizes. It is a wonderful keeper, and grows and blooms well wherever grown. (85)
Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **\$0.50**

JERSEY'S DAINTY, Str. C. Pure white. The best white cactus for cutting, and you will always see it prominently displayed at our shows winning ribbons. (87)
Roots **\$0.50**

***JULIUS C. BUNGE,** Str. Cactus. Unquestionably this is the most beautiful pink cactus. The blooms are of great substance, on the finest of stems and, in a season, many are produced. (85)
Plants **\$1.00**

MISS BELGIUM, Str. Cactus. Probably this is the most useful and most popular of all cactus. Bright red-orange, medium size and holds up a long time when cut. (87)
Roots **\$0.75**—Plants **\$0.50**



Cometeer

MRS. BRUCE COLLINS. Light lemon yellow, of good size, early, free and a good root maker. Everyone should have this cactus in their garden. (85) Roots **\$0.50**

NAGEL'S BIJOU. A nice clean tan color, almost straw color. The dwarf bushes cover themselves with flowers. (87) Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$0.75**

RENATE MULLER. A beautiful salmon with yellow centre. Years ago, cactus dahlias were very hard to grow. Renate Muller was one of the first of the modern hardier cactus. (85)

Roots **\$0.50**

ROYAL PURCHASE. On exhibition, this dahlia, a large beautiful yellow, wins prizes as does Ballego's Surprise in the white class. An unusually free bloomer, and strong and vigorous with good roots. (87)

Roots **\$1.50**—Plants **\$0.75**

SCARLET ELEGANCE. A scarlet cactus that is the earliest to bloom of all cactus dahlias, and also the most continuous and profuse. Dwarf bushes always in flower on long stems. (86)

Plants **\$0.75**

Ball Dahlias

*Pot Clumps	Roots	Plants
Jerseys Beacon Ball, scarlet, orange .....	.....\$ .50	....
Mary Helen, large yellow. Very fine. ....	.50	....
Pink Ball, very large pink .....	.50	....
Princess Aline, free blooming pink .....	.35	....
Shirley Temple, free blooming yellow .....	.50	....
Tecumseh, largest ball, dark red	2.50	1.00

Minature Dahlias

(M.F.D.—Miniature Formal Dec., etc.)	Roots	Plants
Baby Royal, M.S.C., salmon pink, 3 rts. for \$.75	\$.30	....
Baby Sagamore, M.F.D., gold bronze,	.50	....
Bishop of Llandaff, M.D.U., red, dark foliage	....	.50
Buckeye Baby, M.F.D., gold bronze, 3 for \$1.00	.50	....
Buckeye, Jr., M.F.D., rosy bronze	.50	.50
Buckeye, Jr. Sport, M.F.D., rose, lavender	.50	.50
Charma, M.F.D., white flecked scarlet	....	.50
Chard's Vanity, M.C., pink	1.50	.50
Dahliadel Joy, M.C., yellow	.75	.50
Dubonnet, M.C., deep red	1.00	.50
Diana Jean, M.F.D., yellow	1.00	.50
Eclipse, Jr., M.F.D., gold	.50	.50
Joan, M.I.D., Tyrian Rose	.50	....
Little Jewell, M.I.D., pink	....	.50
Little Snow Queen, M.C., white	.50	....
*McKay's Purity, M.F.D., white	3.00	1.00
Orchid Lady, M.F.D., lavender	.50	....
Pytie Conway, M.F.D., violet rose	.50	....
*Sylvia, M.F.D., dark red	.75	.50
Red Head, M.I.D., orange scarlet	.50	....
Scarlet Pimpernelle, M.I.D., red	.50	....
*Torquay Gem, M.D.U., red, dark foliage	.50	....
Whisper, M.C., yellow	.75	....
*Snow Sprite, M.S.C., white	3.00	1.00
*Starlet, M.I.D., yellow	.75	....
*Surprise Brilliant, M.C., orange	....	.50
(pot clumps only \$1.00)		

Pompon Dahlias

Atom, very small orange red	.50	.50
Betty Anne, small pink	.75	.50
Dee Dee, lavender	.50	....
*Canary, yellow	1.50	.50
Goldilocks, gold	.50	....
Golden Pheasant, bronze gold	1.00	.50
Honey, gold shaded red	.50	....
Jill, yellow tipped carmine	.50	....
Joe Fette, white	.50	....
Johnnie, very small dark red	.50	....
Jack, dark red	.50	....
Mary Mums, lt. purple	.50	....
Mike, orange red	.50	....
Morning Mist, white tinted pink	.50	....
Nerissa, pink	....	.75
Red Riding Hood, beautiful red	1.00	.50
Sherry, purple like J. Trimbee	.75	.50
Yellow Gem, yellow	.50	....
Pompon Collection, 6 roots, one root each of white, red, bronze, lavender, yellow and deep red, our selection, for \$1.75 post paid.		

Single, Collarette, Orchid Flowering Dahlias

Arigo Hebo, single, dark red	.75	.50
Chancellor, single, bronze	.50	.50
Dahliadel Whisper, Or. Fl. red and gold	.75	.50
Dahliadel Twinkle, Or. Fl., Lav. and white	.75	.50
Fragrance, single, white edged red	.50	.50
Lois, single, pink	.50	....
*Pink Lassie, single, soft pink	3.00	1.00
Preakness, Coll., white	2.00	.75
*Schweitzer's Baby, very tiny rose, single	2.00	.50
Tribune, Coll., deep crimson, white collar	1.00	.50

A New Race of Dahlias

This, our old slogan, is gradually coming to be recognized as based on fact, because —“It does not require an expert to succeed with Golden Rule Introductions.”

We do not personally take all the credit for introducing so many successful varieties. It is with humility that we acknowledge the severe test conditions which our seedlings undergo at Golden Rule Farm, and which better enable us to determine which seedlings are not only meritorious for beauty, but also are sufficiently strong in constitution to survive and live their life of beauty in the gardens of the world.

We believe such conditions: Ordinary field cultivation on ordinary farm land, insects, sweeping winds, are really needed for trial grounds for new Dahlias. The seedlings showing up well under such conditions have a much better chance of doing well here, there and everywhere in “everyman’s” garden.

We are proud of the records made by our introductions listed below, which comprise the majority of all we have originated:

Buckeye Bride, 1930

Arcturus, 1935

Buckeye Peach, 1932

Queen City, 1936

Honor Bright, 1934

Buckeye Glory, 1937

Buckeye King, 1934

Buckeye Star, 1937

and the miniatures:- Red Head, 1933 and Buckeye Baby, 1936.

Last year, 1938, we introduced **Cometeer**, at our farm, the most successful cut flower cactus; **Saracen**, described by others as the best of all large purples and **Tecumseh**, perhaps the best of all ball Dahlias.

Golden Rule Collections:

A—One strong root each of all the above except **Cometeer** and **Saracen**, for \$5.00, postpaid.

B—One strong root each of our three 1938 introductions, for \$5.00, postpaid.



Cut Flower Dahlias

The following Dahlias are those we successfully sell to florists, and are the varieties, which, at our farm, can be best depended on for the production of flowers when needed.

Small Flowered Types

Baby Sagamore	Mike	Yellow Gem
Betty Anne	Honey	Dahliadel Whisper
Buckeye Baby	Dubonnet	Dahliadel Twinkle
Orchid Lady	Joe Fette	Tribune
Red Head	Morning Mist	Sherry

Decorative Types

(Arranged in order of their usefulness)

1. Queen City	7. Oakleigh Monarch	13. Michigan White
2. Mary Baker	8. Anna Benedict	14. White Abundance
3. Honor Bright	9. Buckeye Bride	15. California Idol
4. Buckeye Glory	10. Buckeye King	16. Marie
5. Saladini	11. Buckeye Peach	17. Cherokee Rose
6. Jersey's Beauty	12. Jean Kerr	18. Cavalcade
		19. Miss Indiana

Cactus Types

(Arranged in order of their usefulness)

1. Cometeer	6. Jersey's Dainty	11. Scarlet Wonder
2. Miss Belgium	7. Bette Davis	12. Challenger
3. Elegance	8. Easter Greeting	13. Kay Francis
4. Buckeye Star	9. Tamenberg	14. Berger's Jewell
5. Bearne	10. Laetare	15. Gretel

There are other dahlias, which, at our farm, may not be depended on every season for cutting, but, nevertheless in the more favorable seasons have been very useful. These include:—Mary Helen, Princess Aline, Baby Royal, Bishop Llandaff, Buckeye, Jr., and its Sport, Baby Sagamore, Atom, of the small flowered.

Arcturus, Ballego's Glory, D. W. Morrow, Dr. Verhage, Elissa Landi, Eva Hunt, Golden Beauty, Jane Cowl, Lord of Autumn, Miss Oakland, Mother Maytrott, Opal, Rainbow's End, Rockleigh Moon, Robert Emmett, Scarlet J. Beauty, Sagamore, of the Decorative.

Carla, Dulcinea, Frau Bracht, Karl Bonawitz, May Robson, Nagel's Bijou, Pride of Shadowbrook, Queen of the Angels, Red Jug, Renate Muller, Royal Auvergne, Scarlet Elegance, Satan, Victoria, of the Cactus.

CULTURAL DIRECTIONS



GOLDEN RULE DAHLIA FARM

HARLEY T. PECK & SONS

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Dahlia Plants

A DAHLIA plant is a green growing plant about 5 to 8 inches tall with well established roots such that if set out in your garden as you would a tomato plant for instance, it will grow, develop into a good bush, bloom well and produce a clump of good roots for the following season's planting.

These plants are produced by placing strong dahlia roots on the greenhouse bench about March 1st to 15th in a suitable growing medium, and, when sprouts have grown to a proper stage, separating them from the roots by cutting or breaking them off so as to include the "heel" of the sprout. This insures a normal growth.

Dahlia plants are becoming more popular each season, not only because they afford a more economical method of purchasing medium to high priced novelties, but also because when properly cared for and grown in well nourished soil they are just as vigorous or more so than roots and produce just as good or better flowers and, if nourished properly, good clumps.

The dahlia plants offered by Golden Rule Farm are the same as used annually by us to the extent of about fifty per cent or more of our total plantings. The root system is developed to a degree such that in an early drought as in 1930 and 1933, the tops may be even burnt off by the heat and yet later the plant will sprout from the root and produce satisfactorily.

When received the plants should either be promptly set out or placed in pots or boxes of good dirt, watered and allowed to start growth before setting. Straigten roots when setting. If plant is tall or with yellowing foliage top it severely. It has roots which will bring its growth along satisfactorily.

Planting Roots or Tubers

Best Planting Time for Dahlias in Ohio, May 1st to June 15th

A MEDIUM to smallish root makes the best clump. Cut away the tail half of a very large root before planting. Plant the root horizontally when the ground is dry enough, not less than three and one-half feet apart, four inches deep in heavy soil and five to six inches in light soil. Small flowered varieties may be planted one to two feet apart. A stake should be driven in before planting. Cover the roots, firming well. The plant should appear within a month if not, investigate and if blind (no sprout) notify the one from whom you purchased the root. Cultivate early and often until the plants show buds, then start fertilizing and disbudding. Much harm is sometimes done by cultivating deeply after plants start blooming. The fibrous root system comes close to the surface of the ground and deep cultivation cuts these roots, thus weakening the growth of the plant. After blooming starts, cultivation should not much more than scratch the surface.

Water only when urgently needed and then soak to a good depth. In case of drought after August 1st, mulch with straw, peat moss, or other litter between plants to conserve soil moisture. In a clay soil use winter's coal ashes and mix well before planting.

Disbudding

VERY few varieties have natural stems long enough for cut flowers. If you want plenty of fine cut flowers for the market, home or exhibition, disbudding is important. Start from the top and work down, don't start disbudding at the base of the plant. When in July or August the plants first show flower buds at the top, select a vigorous bud which you wish to bloom, then take off the side buds and shoots on the first two or three joints down from the selected bud. Before this bud will have developed into a flower, other branches will have grown up from beneath, and will be ready to disbud. Continue to disbud faithfully and it will repay you with **more**

and better and larger flowers throughout the season. Most of the varieties we offer in this catalogue will naturally produce large flowers without disbudding, but if not disbudded the later flowers may become smaller and with open centers. With faithful disbudding a constant succession of nice large blooms may be had. Cut off the old blooms as soon as the backs become unsightly. This stimulates the plant to produce new buds more rapidly and promptly.

Storing of Dahlia Roots

SOME have trouble keeping their roots over the winter. Others have no trouble at all. We believe that the greatest loss of roots is caused by their becoming over dried during the first few days or weeks after digging. We recommend that they be not dug too soon after an early frost. November 1st is normally soon enough. Watch the weather and if dry postpone digging for a while. If abnormally heavy rains start after frost, dig to avoid possible root rot. Call on us at digging time and see how we do it. It may pay you. A few lose their roots because of poor methods of digging and do not realize it.

It is not necessary to cut the tops off before digging. Dig carefully around the Dahlia plants, finally removing each clump with a good ball of earth. Cut the stem off short and dust it well with powdered sulphur or sulphur containing a little lime. Do not expose the roots for any length of time to a drying wind or sun. Prompt action in following these directions may prevent loss of roots. Store preferably in a cool basement near the floor but not in a wet place. If basement is warm, store roots as far away from heat as possible and protect the clumps by packing in peat moss, sand, ashes, leaves, or sawdust and cover the whole container well, placing it as near the floor as possible. A little sulphur mixed with packing material is good to prevent mildew. The container should be large enough to hold the clumps together with four to six inches of packing on each side, underneath and on the top.

If one has a successful method of storing Dahlia roots, we do not recommend changing. Inspection of the roots at weekly intervals during November and December will often enable one to anticipate loss.

Fertilizing

WHEN Fertilizing at planting time, take care that fertilizer does not come into contact with or near the tuber or plant.

Plant in a good productive soil. See that the soil contains each season a good proportion of humus. Rye sowed each fall after Dahlias are dug and spaded or plowed under when of suitable height in the spring will liven the soil and provide some humus. Well rotted manure is good and should be applied in the fall or winter.

Be sure to use a balanced ration of fertilizer. A 3% nitrogen, 10% Phosphate, and 6% potash (3-10-6) is an excellent formula for Dahlias, which may be used sparingly at planting, about a tablespoonful well mixed with a peck of dirt to each hill: or may be applied at three week intervals as top dressing starting in July and worked into the top soil between the plants, using about a small handful to each hill. Twenty-five pounds per season for 100 dahlias is about right.

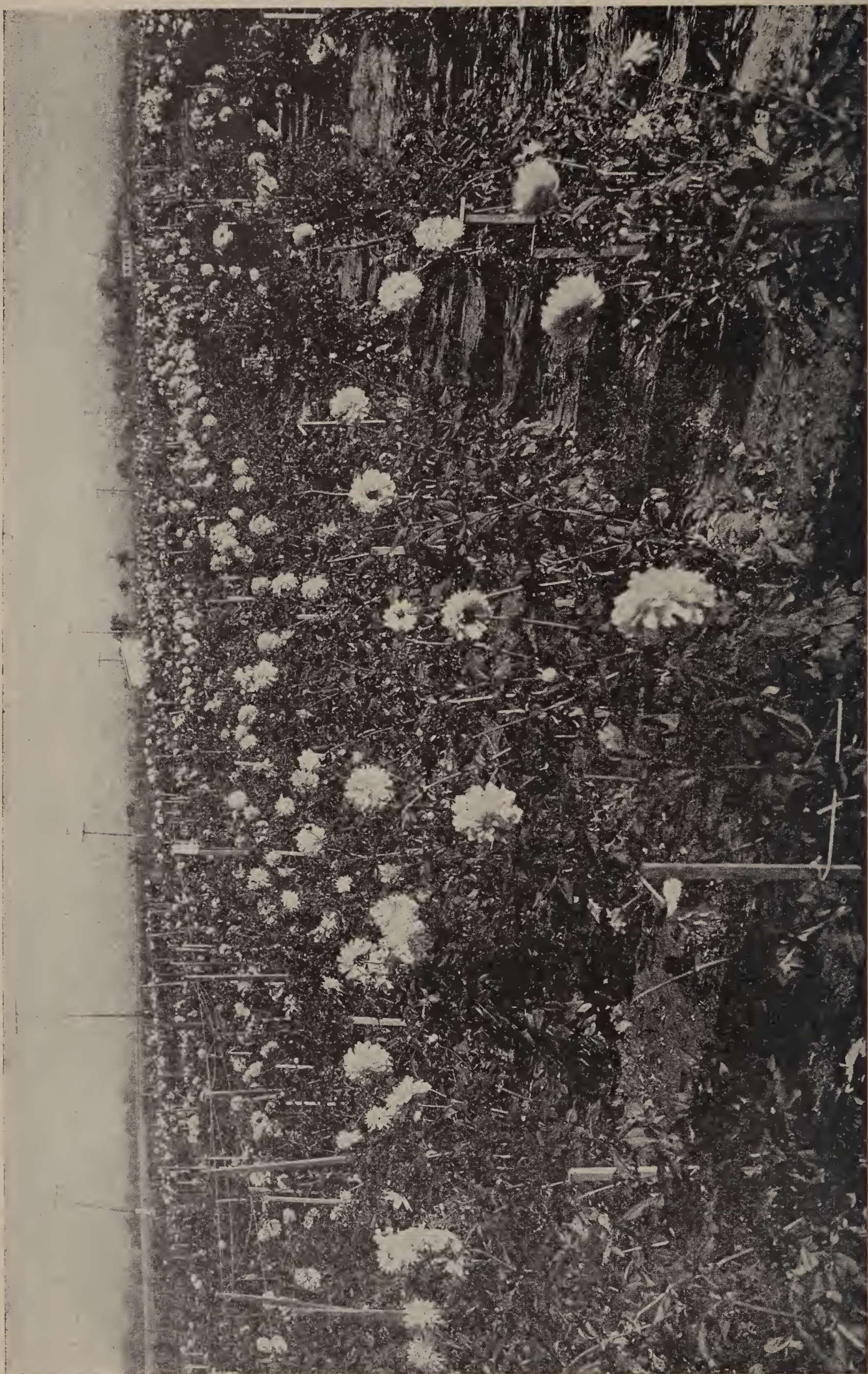
Bone meal or wood ashes may be mixed with any fertilizer.

Dahlias require moderate Nitrogen only, not more than 3%, but will take plenty of phosphates and potash, if not applied too strongly at any one time, and will respond vigorously.

The reason for the uniformly healthy stocky growth at our farm, is balanced fertilizing, no over fertilizing and a situation open to sun and wind. The various varieties of small sucking insects also tend to shorten the growth of Dahlia bushes, and incidently, to increase the root crop. Sheltering buildings and trees, shade, rich soil, and artificial watering tend to make Dahlia bushes grow tall.

For run down soil we recommend rotted manure and fertilizer before planting; also the fertilizer top dressings as described above.

Fresh manure of any kind should not be used.



Best and Most Reliable for Exhibition

A Guide for New Exhibitors

FORMAL DECORATIVE

Miss Oakland; Darcy Sainsbury	—	White	—Mother Maytrott; Eva Hunt
Kentucky Sun; Buckeye King	—	Yellow	—California Idol; Lord of Autumn
Honor Bright; Volcano	—	Orange	—Dean Anderson; Golden Beauty
Queen City; Oakleigh Monarch	—	Red	—Mrs. Geo. LeBoutillier; Murphy's Masterpiece
Jersey's Beauty; Tyrian Buckeye	—	Pink	—Kathleen Norris; Pink Grand
Mrs. J. deVere Warner; Mary Ellen	—	Lavender	—Buckeye Glory; Freda George
Saracen; Purple Mist	—	Purple	—Velvet Wonder; Robert Ripley
Lois Walcher; Haslerova	—	Bicolor	—La Fiesta

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

SEMI-CACTUS

Ballego's Surprise; Mich. White	—	White	—Jersey's Dainty
Miss Glory; Kay Francis	—	Yellow	—Frau Ida Mansfield; Royal Purchase
Amelia Earhart; Rudy Vallee	—	Orange	—Cometeer; Miss Belgium
Gretel; Challenger	—	Red	—Dulcinea; Cerise Buckeye
Buckeye Star; Queen of Angels	—	Pink	—Bearne; Julius C. Bunge
Bette Davis; Cherokee	—	Lavender	—Polichinelle
Jean Trimbee; Cardinal Rossum	—	Purple	—Miss Ohio
New Glory	—	Bicolor	—Renate Muller; Saarland's Heimkehr

CACTUS

MINIATURES

Snowsprite	—	White	—Joe Fette
Dahliadel Joy	—	Yellow	—Yellow Gem; Canary
Buckeye Baby; Red Head	—	Orange	—Mike; Atom
Sylvia; Dubonnet	—	Red	—Johnnie; Jack
Little Jewell; Chard's Vanity	—	Pink	—Betty Anne; Nerissa
Orchid Lady; Pytie Conway	—	Lavender	—Dee Dee
	—	Purple	—Sherry
Charma	—	Bicolor	—Jill

POMPONS



Buckeye Star